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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1976

Dear Senator:

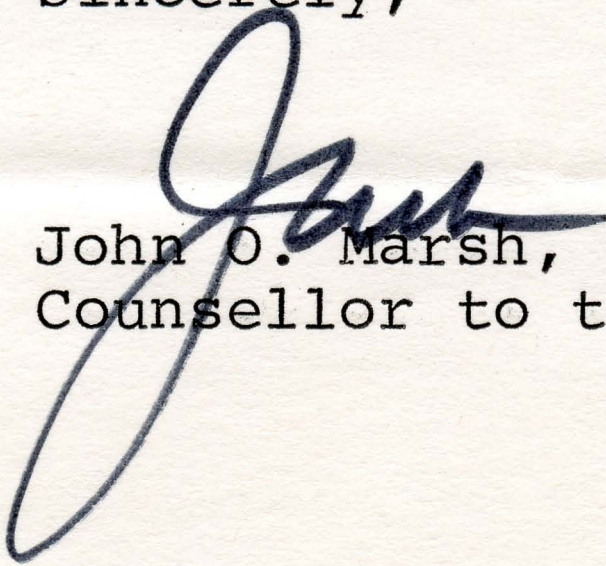
Many thanks for your letter of September 16 regarding the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Texas Shrimp Association.

I have been happy to contact the appropriate officials here at the White House regarding this matter. I have asked that they contact you directly.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable James O. Eastland
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Texas Shrimp Assn

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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 20, 1976

The Honorable Robert G. Mauermann
Executive Director
Texas Shrimp Association
Post Office Box 1666
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find a letter from Jack Marsh on the Association's resolution regarding the fisheries agreement between this Country and Mexico.

I want to do everything possible to protect the legitimate interests of our Gulf fishery, and I hope you will call on me for any further action you might like me to take toward this end.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James O. Eastland
U. S. S.

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September 20, 1976

The Honorable Robert P. Jones
Executive Director
Southeastern Fisheries Association, Inc.
124 West Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for giving me a copy of your telegram to the President concerning the fisheries agreement between Mexico and this Country.

I had heard from Bob Mauermann on this vitally important situation.

Attached please find a copy of a letter from Jack Marsh with reference to this problem.

I want to do all I can to protect American fishing interests, and I hope you will call on me for any further action you might like me to take toward that end.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James O. Eastland
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9-17-76

TELEGRAM TO: PRESIDENT FORD

STATEMENT BY SOUTHEASTERN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION AND FLORIDA SHRIMP
ASSOCIATION ON PROPOSED U. S. - MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

THE SOUTHEASTERN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION AND THE FLORIDA SHRIMP ASSOCIATION FIND THE PRESENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RECENTLY NEGOTIATED FISHERIES TREATY BY THE U. S. AND MEXICO INJURIOUS TO THE FLORIDA SHRIMP INDUSTRY AND HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

THE ASSOCIATIONS FEEL THAT IT IS INCONSISTANT WITH GOOD RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND OTHER STATED PURPOSES OF THE TREATY. WE FEEL THAT ACCEPTANCE IN ITS PRESENT STATE WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO DETERIORATION OF A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U. S. AND MEXICAN SHRIMP INDUSTRY.

IN VIEW OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AND THE SPECIAL TRADE CONCESSIONS GRANTED MEXICO BY THE UNITED STATES, WE ASK THAT THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN REVIEWING THIS TREATY AND WITH ALL EXPEDIENCY SEE IF A MORE EQUITABLE AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED.

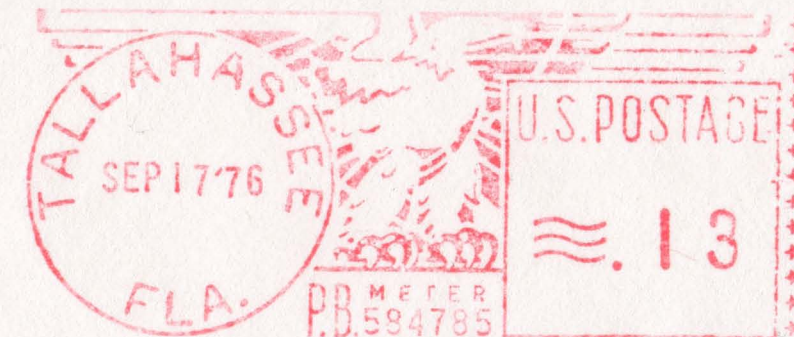
IF THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY OF STATE FEEL THAT A BETTER TREATY CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED AT THIS TIME, WE REQUEST THAT THE PRESENT DOCUMENT BE SIGNED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THOSE FISHERMEN WHO NEED TO FISH THIS COMING SEASON WILL NOT BE DENIED ACCESS NOW AS WELL AS AT THE END OF THE THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS AS IS CONTEMPLATED IN THE TREATY.

Signed: Paul Herring, President, Southeastern Fisheries Association
Harold L. VonHarten, President, Florida Shrimp Association
Robert P. Jones, Executive Director, Southeastern Fisheries
Association



SOUTHEASTERN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator James O. Eastland
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September 15, 1976

September 16, 1976

The Honorable John D. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President

The Honorable Robert G. Mauermann
Executive Director
Texas Shrimp Association
Post Office Box 1666
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Dear Bob:

Thank you for giving me a copy of the resolution adopted by your Board relative to the fisheries agreement between the United States and Mexico.

I have taken this very serious situation to Jack Marsh who, as you know, serves as Counselor to the President.

I trust this action is helpful. Please call on me when I might be of service to you or the Association.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am
Sincerely,

James O. Eastland
U. S. S.

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Sincerely yours,

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September 16, 1976

The Honorable John D. Marsh, Jr.
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

I am forwarding you a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Texas Shrimp Association.

The problem described involves the shrimp fishery on a Gulf-wide basis and the livelihoods of many thousands of our citizens are at stake.

As you know, the American fishing industry -- including shrimp -- has declined to a position which is truly alarming. Any further damage such as that outlined in the resolution could lead us beyond the point of no return.

Our fishermen -- farmers of the sea -- have never received and do not expect handouts or giveaways. On the other hand, they have earned and deserve the full support of their government.

I hope you will review this pressing difficulty, and I would be most grateful for any action you might see fit to take to assist us.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James O. Eastland
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RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION

August 17, 1976

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Texas Shrimp Association has discussed in detail the text of the recently negotiated fisheries agreement between Mexico and the United States and has determined that the provisions of the agreement as negotiated are inequitable and extremely detrimental to the American Gulf of Mexico shrimp industry.

WHEREAS, the United States shrimp fishermen have traditionally fished throughout the Gulf of Mexico moving from area to area within the Gulf as the shrimp migrate;

WHEREAS, the shrimp catches beyond twelve miles off the Mexican coast line have been essential to maintaining an adequate income level to the fishermen and a continuing product level to the processors thus encouraging employment of labor;

WHEREAS, this shrimp catch, worth approximately \$20,000,000.00 annually, is, therefore, critical to our industry and at the same time the Mexican shrimp industry annually exports over \$200,000,000.00 worth of shrimp into the United States without restriction and in constant competition with our producers;

WHEREAS, the present Mexican administration has demanded that we remove all U. S. vessels from within 200 miles of the base line of Mexico by not later than December 31, 1979, REGARDLESS OF ANY PRODUCTION STATISTICS by Mexico showing that the Mexican shrimp fleet is capable of catching these shrimp, which if not caught by U. S. vessels would die and waste each year;

WHEREAS, United States shrimping industry position has been:

- (a) It will, in accordance with Mexican demands, reduce the number of boats fishing and the number of pounds of shrimp taken off Mexico by the United States shrimp fishermen by 40% during the 12 months from August 1976 to August 1977; and,
- (b) Each year thereafter examine the actual catch statistics of the Mexican boats operating in their 200 mile zone and phase out United States shrimp boat operations in the Mexican fishery as Mexican production in that area increases;

WHEREAS, Mexico rejected the United States industry position out of hand and demanded that U. S. vessels phase down drastically each year and stop fishing by December 31, 1979;

AND WHEREAS, the Texas Shrimp Association believes Mexico to be unfair and in bad faith;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

That the Texas Shrimp Association finds the terms of the agreement in its present form unsatisfactory and requests the President of the United States to take personal interest in the United States shrimp industry and initiate such action as necessary to obtain a more equitable shrimp fishing agreement with Mexico.

TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION

By

Robert G. Mauermann
Robert G. Mauermann
Executive Director